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Collective Farm, Chaeryŏng-up

- On 4 June 1952 approximately ten thousand persons, including South Korean refugees who went north after the start of the Korean war, wounded and discharged soldiers, and women, were working at a North Korean army collective farm in the Chaeryŏng-up (125-38, 38-25) (YC-3055)-Anak (125-30, 38-30) (YC-1864)-Sinch'ŏn (125-30, 38-21) (YC-1847) area.¹ The farm, established on 15 March 1952 under the supervision of the North Korean Ministry of Agriculture, had an area of approximately 4 million p'yŏng.² Seventy percent of the farm acreage was producing rice; 20 percent, other grains; and 10 percent, vegetables. A long dry season was expected to reduce the farm's 1952 harvest. Farm officials planned to undertake sericulture and the raising of goats and other domestic animals.
- Each person employed at the farm received daily 600 grams of rice and other grains.
- Thirty Soviet-made tractors, one hundred and fifty cattle, and eighty horses were being used in the farming.
- The 1 Regiment of the North Korean Farmers' Army, comprising three battalions, and each battalion, three companies, was at Anak; the 2 Regiment, with three battalions, at Chaeryŏng-up; and the 3 Regiment, with three battalions, at Sinch'ŏn. Divisional headquarters were at Chaeryŏng-up.

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Distribution of Land and Grain, T'ongch'ŏn

5. By mid-April 1952 North Korean officials had redistributed farmland in the T'ongch'ŏn (127-54, 38-54) (DU-0506) area in lots of 2,000 p'yŏng of rice paddy and 1,000 p'yŏng of dry field to families of three or four persons. Teams of seven to twelve persons had been organized to farm each field. The North Korean government was allocating sorghum and millet to farmers without limit to the time for repayment. Generally, the amount of grain loaned was approximately 10 liters. Farmers were receiving between 6 and 8 liters of fertilizer for each 1,000 p'yŏng of rice field. Farmers were expected to consign the rice crop to the government after the fall harvest.

- 25X1 1. ☐ Comment. The organization, strength, and disposition of units of the North Korean Farmers' Army (Nong Gun Dae) in mid-May 1952 were collective farms in North Korea.
- 25X1 2. ☐ Comment. One p'yŏng is 4 square yards.

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